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The purpose of the survey reported in this document was to gather information on participation and demand for outdoor recreation and tourism in Kansas to serve as a guide for public or private groups and persons interested in providing outdoor recreation and tourist facilities and services. Nonresident travelers in the western part of the state were interviewed from August to October, 1966, by highway patrolmen, other state personnel, members of local chambers of commerce and women's clubs, and others. State residents from Meade, Clark, Gray, Ford, Hodgeman, and Edwards counties were surveyed during the fall of 1966 by randomly selecting Kansas communities, stratifying those selected, and randomly sampling each stratum. Findings are presented, for in-state and nonresident users separately, on past recreational activities over a 12-month period and anticipated recreational activities over the next 12 months. Related documents are RC 005 733 and RC 005 734. (BO)

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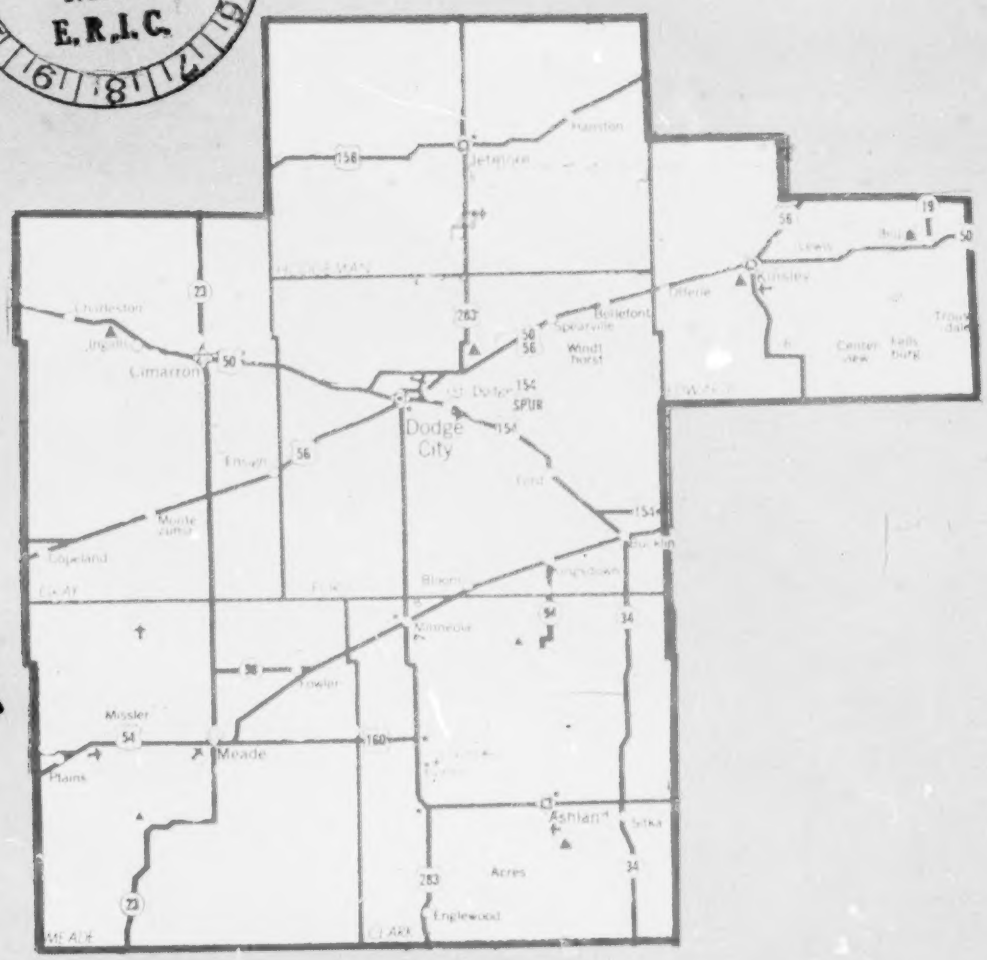


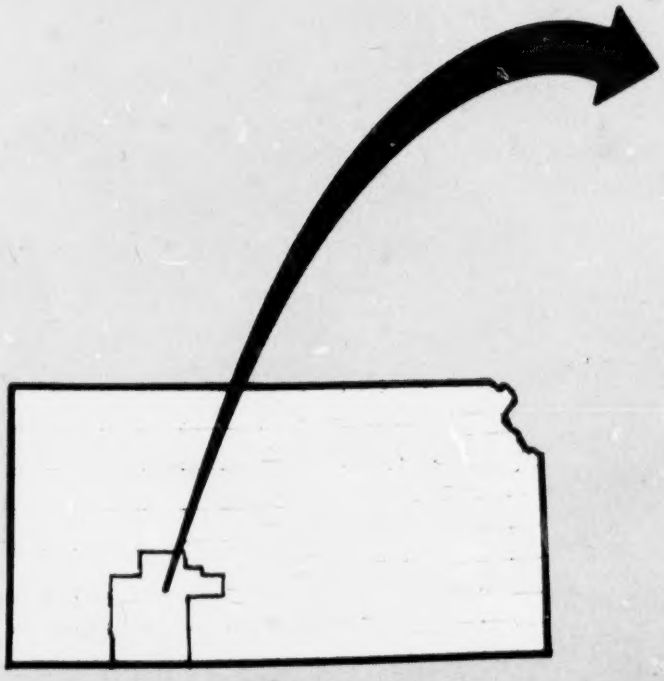

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# OUTDOOR RECREATION AND TOURISM IN KANSAS

# A SURVEY OF PARTICIPATION AND DEMAND


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## Introduction

Outdoor recreation and tourism is big business in Kansas. Many communities have opportunities to develop recreation or tourism. People like to go places and do things. Many persons travel to visit historical sites or unusual places, but often they like rest and relaxation or simply a drive in the country. Wherever they go they often need facilities and services.

Lying in the exact center of the nation and with its outstanding highways following or closely paralleling routes of the famous early day trails, Kansas is in an attractive position to serve the motorist. There are many opportunities for the visitor to participate in outdoor recreation facilities and services in this state.

The situation offers challenge and potential for developing both public and private recreation areas to meet the needs of Kansans as well as the millions who visit the state each year.

## Purpose

The purpose of the survey was to gather information on participation in and demand for outdoor recreation and tourism in Kansas to serve as a guide for public or private groups and persons interested in providing outdoor recreation and tourist facilities and services.

## Procedure

The survey consisted of two phases. In phase one, out-of-state travelers were interviewed during August, September and October of 1966 by the highway patrolmen; State Forestry, Fish and Game personnel; members of local chambers of commerce; women's clubs; and others.

In phase two, communities were selected by random sampling. The communities were stratified according to population and a random sample was drawn from each stratum. Streets were randomly selected within voting precincts and an equal number of families in each voting precinct was interviewed by residents of each community during the fall of 1966. Extension resource development specialists from Kansas State University met with interviewers in each community to explain how to administer the questionnaire. The data for the resident section of this publication were taken from interviews with residents of the following counties: Ford, Hodgeman, Gray, Edwards, Meade and Clark. This publication is one in a series. Other publications cover all regions of the state.

The data for the non-resident section were taken from interviews with respondents from out of state who were traveling in the western half of Kansas (west of a tier of counties bounded by Jewell County on the north and Harper County on the south).

The following groups assisted with the interviewing in the phase: local chambers of commerce, junior chambers of commerce, Jaycee Jaynes, Business and Professional Women, and others. Many individuals also helped collect data. The data collected were processed through the Computing Center at Kansas State University. The program was developed by personnel at the Computing Center to compile questionnaires from the entire state. Compilations were made by individual regions.

One section of the questionnaire dealt with the usage of present facilities. Respondents were asked to answer questions about their participation in outdoor recreation activities in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews. Another section considered possible future usage of outdoor recreation activities and services in the state. Respondents were asked to answer questions about the activities they felt they would spend more time participating in if good facilities and services were available.

## General Information

Thirty-eight percent of the respondents were in professional or managerial occupations, twenty-six percent in clerical or sales, fourteen percent in agriculture, and twelve percent were skilled craftsmen.

In response to the question "How many years of formal education do you have?" forty-eight percent answered 8 to 12 years, twenty-three percent said some college, ten percent were college graduates and eight percent indicated advanced education.

Respondents who indicated they have one child at home were asked the age of the child. Forty-six percent answered 11 to 15 years, twenty-four percent 16 to 20 years, and eighteen percent answered 5 years or younger.

Respondents who had more than one child at home were asked the ages of their children. Forty-six percent answered 5 years or younger, twenty-seven percent 11 to 15 years and twenty-seven percent 16 to 20 years. Seventy-eight percent of the respondents said they selected the facilities or sites they visited by personal recommendation, seven percent by personal knowledge, six percent by convenience, three percent advertising and three percent used roadside signs.

Eighty percent of the interviews were taken at the respondents' residence; eight percent at the office, school or church; eight percent at a state lake.

Interviewers were asked to suggest interesting places or historical sites in their communities which they felt had tourist potential. Boot Hill was listed by 21 of the interviewers. Santa Fe Trail was listed by 7.

Table 1

Occupations listed by respondents.

| Occupation | Percentage of All Occupations |
|---|---|
| Professional or managerial | 38% |
| Clerical or sales | 26% |
| Agriculture | 14% |
| Skilled craftsman | 12% |
| Semi-skilled | 5% |
| Housewife | 2% |
| College student | 1% |
| Unskilled | 1% |
| Retired | 1% |

Table 2

Age of child where there was one child at home.

| Age | Percentage in This Age Group |
|---|---|
| 5 years or younger | 18% |
| 6 to 10 years | 12% |
| 11 to 15 years | 46% |
| 16 to 20 years | 24% |

Table 3

Years of formal education listed by respondents.

| Education | Percentage in This Category |
|---|---|
| 1 to 8 years | 7% |
| 8 to 12 years | 48% |
| Some college | 23% |
| College graduate | 10% |
| Advanced education | 8% |
| Trade school | 4% |

Table 4

Age of children where there was more than one child at home.

| Age | Percentage in This Age Group |
|---|---|
| 5 years or younger | 46% |
| 11 to 15 years | 27% |
| 16 to 20 years | 27% |

Table 5

Methods the respondents used to select the sites or facilities they visited in Kansas.

| Method | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Personal recommendation | 78% |
| Personal knowledge | 7% |
| Convenience | 6% |
| Advertisement | 3% |
| Road sign | 3% |
| Maps | 1% |
| Live here | 1% |
| Other | 1% |

Table 6

Location where respondents were interviewed.

| Location | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Residence | 80% |
| Office, school or church | 8% |
| State lake | 8% |
| Motel | 2% |
| Roadside park | 1% |
| Restaurant | 1% |

Table 7

Interesting places or historical sites in the community that interviewers thought had tourist potential.

| Place or Site | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Boot Hill | 21 |
| Santa Fe Trail | 7 |
| Dodge City | 3 |
| Fort Larned | 2 |

The following were listed once: planetarium, frontier stockade, Dalton Gang Hideout and Museum and Arkansas riverbank.

Table 8

Recreation activities in which respondents participated during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Activity | Number of Persons Answering Question | Percentage of Those Answering Questions That Had Participated |
|---|---|---|
| Fishing | 156 | 71% |
| Boating or Canoeing | 148 | 45% |
| Water Skiing | 136 | 26% |
| Camping | 140 | 53% |
| Picnicking | 148 | 76% |
| Swimming | 141 | 55% |
| Hunting | 141 | 65% |
| Horseback Riding (Rental) | 122 | 7% |
| Hiking | 125 | 22% |
| Golf | 132 | 27% |
| Visits to Historical Sites and Interesting Places in Kansas | 143 | 61% |
| Attending Special Events in Kansas | 116 | 44% |
| Other Outdoor Recreation Activities in Kansas | 91 | 27% |

## Participation in Kansas Outdoor Recreation

Picnicking was the most popular recreation activity among respondents in Region 13. Seventy-six percent had been picnicking in the state during the past 12 months. Seventy-one percent had been fishing, sixty-five percent hunting, sixty-one percent had visited historical sites and fifty-five percent had been swimming.

Historical sites or interesting places visited by the greatest number of respondents during the period include Boot Hill, Fort Larned and Eisenhower Museum.

Special events in which the greatest number of respondents had participated were Dodge City Days, Cattle Drives and Kansas State Fair.

Table 9

Special events in Kansas in which respondents participated during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Special Events | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Dodge City Days | 18 |
| Cattle drives | 18 |
| Kansas State Fair | 14 |
| Rodeos | 9 |
| Football games | 2 |
| Boot Hill Days | 2 |

The following were listed once: Topeka Fair, boat racing, Wichita Sports Show, Kansas Banking Meeting at Topeka, horse shows, Miss Kansas Pageant, Thayer Reunion.

Table 10

Historical sites or interesting places in Kansas visited by respondents during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Historical Site | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Boot Hill | 46 |
| Fort Larned | 12 |
| Eisenhower Museum | 12 |
| Dalton Gang Hideout and Museum | 9 |
| Dodge City | 6 |
| Greensburg Well | 6 |
| Cimarron Crossing | 5 |
| State Capital | 4 |
| Santa Fe Trail | 4 |
| Cedar Bluff Reservoir | 4 |
| Sod House | 3 |
| St. Jacob's Well | 3 |
| Fort Hays | 3 |
| Fort Dodge | 3 |
| Pawnee Rock and State Monument | 3 |
| Garden City Zoo and Museum | 3 |
| Old Abilene | 2 |
| Santa Fe Park | 2 |
| Tuttle Creek Reservoir | 2 |
| Medicine Lodge | 2 |
| Ford County Historical Marker | 2 |
| Monument Rocks State Park | 2 |
| Clark County State Lake | 2 |

The following were listed once: Pratt Fish Hatchery, Castle Rock, Davis Memorial, Carry Nation's House, Wichita Museum, Museum at Norton, First Oil Well, Rock City, State Historical Museum at Topeka, Chalk Pyramids, Safari Museum, Cheney Reservoir, Fort Hays State College, Lutheran Cabin at Junction City, Fish and Game Commission Museum, Post Rock Museum, Webster Reservoir.

## Future Participation in Outdoor Recreation Activities

Respondents were asked which Kansas recreation activities they would increase their participation in during the 12 months following the interviews if good facilities were available. Sixty-five percent answered picnicking, sixty-five percent fishing, fifty-nine percent camping, forty-nine percent swimming, forty-five percent boating or canoeing, forty-four percent hunting, thirty-eight percent water skiing, thirty-six percent visiting historical sites or interesting places, twenty-one percent hiking, seventeen percent other outdoor recreation activities and nine percent horseback riding.

Table 11

Recreation activities respondents would spend more time participating in during the next 12 months if good facilities were available.

| Activity | Number of Persons Answering Questions | Percent That Would Participate More |
|---|---|---|
| Fishing | 129 | 65% |
| Water Skiing | 112 | 38% |
| Boating or Canoeing | 119 | 45% |
| Camping | 122 | 59% |
| Picnicking | 120 | 65% |
| Swimming | 109 | 49% |
| Hunting | 116 | 44% |
| Horseback Riding (Rental) | 98 | 9% |
| Hiking | 99 | 21% |
| Visiting Historical Sites or Interesting Places in Kansas | 85 | 36% |
| Other Outdoor Recreation Activities in Kansas | 66 | 17% |

# Fishing

Cedar Bluff Reservoir, Clark County State Lake, Ford County State Lake, and the Arkansas River were the most popular fishing locations used by respondents on their most recent fishing trip in Kansas. Fifty-six percent of the respondents had fished at a lake or pond, twenty-six percent at a reservoir, nine percent at a river, six percent at a stream and three percent at a sand pit. Of those respondents who spent the night, twenty-three percent stayed at a trailer campground, twenty-two percent a campground, eighteen percent in a camper and fifteen percent a tent.

Forty-two percent of the respondents described the fishing as fair and forty-two percent said it was poor. The following suggested improvements were listed most frequently: more fish (6), more new toilets (6), kill some of the carp (4), and more rearing ponds to facilitate stocking (4).

Twenty-seven percent indicated that they do most of their fishing in June, twenty-four percent in July, twenty-one percent in August and seventeen percent in May.

Table 12

Questions asked of respondents who had fished in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Question | Average or Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Did you pay a fee to fish in a private area? | Yes . . . . . 14% |
| Did you purchase a park permit? | Yes . . . . . 32% |
| If yes, was it a State permit? | . . . . . 83% |
| Both State and Federal | . . . . . 3% |
| How many fishing trips have you made in the last 12 months in Kansas? | Average . . . 10 |
| Have you made fishing trips outside Kansas during the last 12 months? | Yes . . . . . 45% |
| If yes, how many? | Average . . . 1 |

Table 13

Places where respondents spent the night on their most recent fishing trip in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Accommodation | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Trailer campground | 23% |
| Campground | 22% |
| Camper | 18% |
| Tent | 15% |
| Motel | 6% |
| Station wagon | 5% |
| Cabin | 3% |
| Private home | 3% |
| No Shelter | 3% |
| Church camp | 2% |

Table 14

Respondents' description of fishing in Kansas.

| Description | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Excellent | 2% |
| Good | 14% |
| Fair | 42% |
| Poor | 42% |

Table 15

Type of water respondents used the last time they went fishing in Kansas during the last 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Lake or pond | 56% |
| Reservoir | 26% |
| River | 9% |
| Stream | 6% |
| Sand Pit | 3% |

Table 16

Improvements for fishing suggested by respondents who had fished in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Improvement | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| More fish | 6 |
| More new toilets | 6 |
| Restocking | 5 |
| Kill some of the carp | 4 |
| More rearing ponds to facilitate stocking | 4 |
| Better roads | 3 |
| Stock lake or pond | 3 |
| More shade trees | 3 |
| Stop pollution | 3 |
| More boat ramps | 2 |
| Higher water level | 2 |
| Fewer activities other than fishing | 2 |
| Too many rough fish | 2 |

The following were listed once: stock streams, more shelter houses, cleaner camp area, eliminate weeds, better camping grounds, more showers, better accessibility to fishing points without boat, drinking water facilities, more advertising, more lakes in southwestern Kansas, better control of small fish, decrease moss growth.

Table 17

Month when respondents did most of their fishing in Kansas.

| Month | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| April | 3% |
| May | 17% |
| June | 27% |
| July | 24% |
| August | 21% |
| September | 3% |
| October | 5% |

Table 18

Location where respondents last went fishing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Cedar Bluff Reservoir | 24 |
| Clark County State Lake | 20 |
| Ford County State Lake | 20 |
| Arkansas River | 12 |
| Private ponds | 6 |
| Sand pits | 4 |
| Kirwin Reservoir | 3 |
| Webster Reservoir | 2 |

The following were listed once: Kanopolis Reservoir, Tuttle Creek Reservoir, Pawnee Creek, farm ponds, Toronto Reservoir, Smoky Hill River, St. Paul, Wilson County State Lake, Pomona Reservoir, Scott County State Lake, Hodgeman County State Lake.

## Future Participation in Fishing

Respondents who indicated they would go fishing more often in Kansas if there were good fishing were asked where they thought they would fish. Ford County State Lake was listed 11 times, Cedar Bluff Reservoir 10, Clark County 9, Dodge City 7, Southwest Kansas 7, Ford County 6, Western Kansas 6, and the Arkansas River 6. In response to the question "Why haven't you done more fishing in Kansas?", the answers given most often were: too far away, poor fishing, not enough fishing areas, not enough time, illness in family, poor facilities, poor water conditions, and too many carp.

Those who indicated they would be willing to pay a fee or pay more for better fishing at a private place in Kansas were asked what improvements they would suggest. These improvements were listed most frequently: stock with good fish, restrooms, better stocked ponds, build more lakes, camping facilities, closer to fishing areas and keep boats off lake.

Those who had fished in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interview were asked how much more often they would go fishing in Kansas during the next 12 months if there were good facilities. Forty-six

percent indicated 50 to 100 percent more often, thirty-nine percent indicated less than 50 percent more often and fifteen percent indicated over 100 percent more often. Those who had not fished in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interview were asked how much more often they would go fishing in the next 12 months if there were good facilities. Forty-five percent stated 6 to 12 times, forty percent indicated over 12 times, and fifteen percent replied once.

The respondents who were interested in a combination of fishing and picnicking were asked how much they would be willing to pay per family per day to use an attractive private lake within easy driving distance of their home that had good clean picnic facilities and good fishing. Twenty-four percent indicated they would pay $1, twenty-six percent $2, and nineteen percent $3. Respondents were asked how far they would be willing to drive to use an attractive private lake that had good, clean picnic facilities and good fishing at a reasonable rate. Forty-seven percent answered 50 miles, thirty-two percent 25 miles, and twelve percent 100 miles.

Sixty-one percent of the respondents preferred a lake or pond, twenty-nine percent a reservoir, and ten percent a stream. Catfish was the kind of fish preferred by the greatest number of respondents, followed by bass, crappie, and walleye.

Those who indicated they were interested in fishing only were asked how much they would pay per person per day to fish in an attractive private lake within easy driving distance of their home. Thirty-seven percent answered $1, eighteen percent $2, thirteen percent $1.50 and thirteen percent would pay nothing. These respondents were asked how far they would be willing to drive to an attractive lake that had good fishing at a reasonable rate. Forty-five percent indicated they would drive 50 miles, thirty-seven percent 25 miles, and ten percent indicated 100 miles.

Table 19

Location where respondents would fish in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Ford County State Lake | 11 |
| Cedar Bluff Reservoir | 10 |
| Clark County | 9 |
| Dodge City | 7 |
| Southwest Kansas | 7 |
| Ford County | 6 |
| Western Kansas | 6 |
| Arkansas River | 6 |
| Close to home | 3 |
| Kirwin Reservoir | 2 |
| Rivers and lakes | 2 |
| Webster Reservoir | 2 |
| Clark County State Lake | 2 |
| Farm Pond | 2 |

The following were listed once: Public waters, state lakes, anywhere, St. Paul, federal reservoirs, lakes and streams, and Meade County State Lake.

Table 20

Reasons why respondents hadn't done more fishing in Kansas.

| Reason | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Too far away | 17 |
| Not enough time | 14 |
| Poor fishing | 11 |
| Not enough fishing areas | 4 |
| Illness in family | 2 |
| Poor facilities | 2 |
| Poor water conditions | 2 |
| Too many carp | 2 |

The following were listed once: Don't know where to go, closer to Nebraska and Colorado, not enough trout.

Table 21

Improvements suggested by respondents who would be willing to pay a fee or pay more for better fishing at a private place in Kansas.

| Improvement | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Stock with good fish | 10 |
| Restrooms | 4 |
| Better stocked ponds | 4 |
| Build more lakes | 3 |
| Camping facilities | 3 |
| Closer fishing areas | 2 |
| Keep boats off lake | 2 |

The following were listed once: shade, clean shoreline, lower fees, more public fishing areas, easily accessible, better stream fishing.

Table 22

Extent respondents who had been fishing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews would increase their fishing in Kansas during the next 12 months if there were good facilities.

| Increase | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Less than 50 percent | 39% |
| 50 to 100 percent | 46% |
| Over 100 percent | 15% |

Table 23

Type of water preferred by respondents who would spend more time fishing in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Lake or pond | 61% |
| Reservoir | 29% |
| Stream | 10% |

Table 24

Number of times respondents who had not been fishing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews would go fishing in Kansas during the next 12 months if there were good facilities.

| Number of times | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Once | 15% |
| 6 to 12 times | 45% |
| Over 12 times | 40% |

Table 25

Distance respondents would be willing to drive to use an attractive private lake within easy driving distance of their home that had good clean picnic facilities and good fishing.

| Miles | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| 0 | 3% |
| 5 | 6% |
| 25 | 32% |
| 50 | 47% |
| 100 | 12% |

Table 26

Kind of fish preferred by respondents who would spend more time fishing in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Kind | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Catfish | 31% |
| Bass | 25% |
| Crappie | 24% |
| Walleye | 13% |
| Trout | 6% |
| Northern pike | 1% |

Table 27

Amount respondents would be willing to pay to use an attractive private lake within easy driving distance of their home that had good clean picnic facilities and good fishing.

| Per Family Per Day | Percentage of Total Replies | Per Family Per Season | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|---|---|
| Would not pay | 16% | Would not pay | 15% |
| $ 1.00 | 24% | $ 5.00 | 1% |
| 2.00 | 26% | 10.00 | 39% |
| 3.00 | 19% | 20.00 | 24% |
| 4.00 | 5% | 40.00 | 11% |
| 5.00 | 10% | 100.00 | 10% |

Table 28

Amount per person per day respondents would be willing to pay to use an attractive private lake within easy driving distance of their home that had good fishing.

| Per Person Per Day | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Would not pay | 13% |
| $ .50 | 7% |
| 1.00 | 37% |
| 1.50 | 13% |
| 2.00 | 18% |
| 2.50 | 5% |
| 3.00 | 7% |

Table 29

Distance respondents would be willing to drive to use an attractive private lake that had good fishing at a reasonable rate.

| Miles | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| 0 | 1% |
| 5 | 7% |
| 25 | 37% |
| 50 | 45% |
| 100 | 10% |

## Boating or Canoeing

Cedar Bluff Reservoir, Clark County State Lake and Ford County State Lake were the most popular areas for boating and canoeing in Region 13.

Thirty-seven percent of the respondents had been fishing on their last boating or canoeing trip in Kansas. Seventeen percent had been water skiing. Forty-seven percent of the respondents did most of their boating or canoeing in Kansas in July, twenty-two percent in June and nineteen percent in August.

Table 30

Questions asked respondents who had been boating or canoeing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Question | Average or Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Do you own a boat? | Yes . . . . . 58% |
| Do you own a boat motor? | Yes . . . . . 61% |
| Did you rent a boat or canoe? | Yes . . . . . 18% |
| Did you purchase a park permit? | Yes . . . . . 65% |
| If yes, was it a state permit? | . . . . . 84% |
| Did you pay a fee to boat or canoe in a private area? | Yes . . . . . 11% |
| How many times have you gone boating or canoeing in Kansas during the last 12 months? | Average . . . 4.4 |
| Have you made boating or canoeing trips outside Kansas during the last 12 months? | Yes . . . . . 40% |
| If yes, how many? | Average . . . 1 |

Table 31

Horsepower of boat motors owned by respondents.

| Horsepower | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| 1 to 10 | 29% |
| 11 to 20 | 3% |
| 21 to 30 | 11% |
| 31 to 40 | 14% |
| 41 to 50 | 11% |
| 71 to 80 | 16% |
| Over 80 | 16% |

Table 32

Type of boat respondents used the last time they went boating or canoeing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Motorboat | 95% |
| Rowboat | 3% |
| Canoe | 1% |
| Sailboat | 1% |

Table 33

Description of water and facilities used by respondents the last time they went boating or canoeing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Description | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Excellent | 14% |
| Good | 39% |
| Fair | 31% |
| Poor | 16% |

Table 34

Month when respondents did most of their boating or canoeing in Kansas.

| Month | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| April | 3% |
| May | 3% |
| June | 22% |
| July | 47% |
| August | 19% |
| Other | 6% |

Table 35

Location where respondents last went boating or canoeing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Cedar Bluff Reservoir | 33 |
| Clark County State Lake | 6 |
| Ford County State Lake | 4 |
| Pomona Reservoir | 4 |
| Kanopolis Reservoir | 4 |

The following were listed once: Tuttle Creek Reservoir, Kearny County State Lake, Toronto Reservoir, Kirwin Reservoir, Cheney Reservoir, Sabetha City Lake, Hodgeman County State Lake, Webster Reservoir, Lake Kahola.

Table 36

Improvements for boating or canoeing suggested by respondents who had been boating in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Improvement | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| More docking area | 8 |
| Better roads around lake | 3 |
| More area | 3 |
| Water safety rules enforced | 2 |
| More shade | 2 |
| More boat ramps | 2 |

The following were listed once: mark shallow points, better boat launching facilities, keep up the present schedule of improvements, more lakes, keep trash out of lake, open lake up for skiing, more restroom facilities, additional showers, get rid of moss, more marinas, clean up bank, more beaches.

Table 37

Type of activity in which respondents participated on their last boating or canoeing trip in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Fishing | 37% |
| Skiing | 17% |
| All activities | 17% |
| Cruising | 9% |
| Skiing and cruising | 9% |
| Fishing and skiing | 9% |
| Fishing and cruising | 2% |

## Future Participation in Boating or Canoeing

Most respondents who would do more boating or canoeing in Kansas if there were good facilities indicated they would prefer government areas to private areas. Most respondents said they would prefer to use a motorboat rather than a sailboat, rowboat or canoe.

Those who had boated or canoed in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviewing were asked how much they would increase their boating or canoeing if there were good facilities. Thirty-five percent indicated they would go boating or canoeing 50 to 100 percent more often, fifty-one percent would go less than 50 percent more often and fourteen percent would go 100 percent more often.

Respondents who had not gone boating or canoeing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviewing were asked how often they would go boating or canoeing during the next 12 months if there were good facilities. Eighty-three percent indicated they would go 6 to 12 times and seventeen percent would go over 12 times.

Too far away, not enough time, lack of suitable places, and don't own boat were reasons given most often by respondents who replied to the question, "Why haven't you done more boating and canoeing in Kansas?"

Table 38

Reasons why respondents ha[illegible]t done more boating or canoeing in Kansas.

| Reason | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Too far away | 20 |
| Not enough time | 5 |
| Lack of suitable places | 3 |
| Don't own boat | 2 |

The following were listed once: rough water, just getting started, lakes too small, poor facilities, too many big boats, didn't know about Kansas lakes, too much brush.

Table 39

Location where respondents would go boating or canoeing in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Cedar Bluff Reservoir | 8 |
| Clark County | 5 |
| Ford County State Lake | 4 |
| Southwest Kansas | 3 |
| State lakes | 2 |
| Ford County | 2 |
| Western Kansas | 2 |

The following were listed once: Arkansas River, Clark County State Lake, Kanopolis Reservoir, Baldwin, private lakes, lakes.

Table 40

Type of boat respondents would use if they did more boating or canoeing in Kansas.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Motorboat | 88% |
| Motorboat and sailboat | 6% |
| Sailboat | 2% |
| Motorboat and rowboat | 2% |
| Canoe | 2% |

Table 41

Extent respondents who had been boating or canoeing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews would increase their boating and canoeing in Kansas during the next 12 months if there were good facilities.

| Increase | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Less than 50 percent | 51% |
| 50 to 100 percent | 35% |
| Over 100 percent | 14% |

Table 42

Type of area preferred by respondents who would do more boating or canoeing in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Government | 83% |
| Private | 11% |
| Either | 6% |

Table 43

Number of times respondents who had not been boating or canoeing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews would go boating or canoeing during the next 12 months if there were good facilities.

| Number of times | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| 6 to 12 times | 83% |
| Over 12 times | 17% |

Table 44

Facilities suggested by respondents who would be willing to pay a fee or pay more for better private boating or canoeing facilities.

| Suggestion | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Docks | 5 |
| Restrooms | 4 |
| Bigger lakes | 3 |

The following were listed once: rental boats, areas marked, clean facilities, camping facilities close by, marina, picnic facilities, good food and lodging at private places, good fishing lakes, lakes with coves, and open up more state lakes.

## Water Skiing

Ninety-one percent of the respondents who had gone water skiing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews had skied at Cedar Bluff Reservoir. Forty percent of those who had gone skiing in Kansas during the period described the facilities as good, twenty-six percent as excellent, twenty percent as fair, and fourteen percent as poor.

The improvements suggested most often were: stricter law enforcement, better roads and take out tree stumps.

Table 45

Questions asked of respondents who had gone water skiing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Question | | Average or Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|---|
| What was the type of water where you skied? | Dam or Reservoir | 74% |
| | Lake | 26% |
| Did you rent a boat? | Yes | 6% |
| Did you purchase a park permit? | Yes | 82% |
| If yes, was it a state permit? | Yes | 93% |
| How many times did you go water skiing in Kansas during the last 12 months? | Average | 3.5 |
| Have you gone on water skiing trips outside of Kansas during the last 12 months? | Yes | 34% |
| If yes, how many? | Average | 2.2 |

Table 46

Location where respondents last went water skiing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Cedar Bluff Reservoir | 31 |
| Wilson Reservoir | 1 |
| Lake Kahola | 1 |
| Ford County State Lake | 1 |

Table 47

Description of water skiing facilities used by respondents the last time they went skiing in Kansas.

| Description | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Excellent | 26% |
| Good | 40% |
| Fair | 20% |
| Poor | 14% |

Table 48

Improvements suggested by respondents who had been water skiing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Improvement | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Stricter law enforcement | 3 |
| Better roads | 2 |
| Take out tree stumps | 2 |

The following were listed once: more restrooms, additional shade, better lake patrol, more ramps, safety signs, higher water level, public boat dock, take out debris in water, better restroom facilities, fewer people on lake.

## Future Participation in Water Skiing

Respondents who indicated they would do more water skiing if there were good facilities were asked where they thought they would water ski. Cedar Bluff Reservoir was the most popular answer, followed by southwest Kansas, Dodge City, and Ford County State Lake. Lakes and reservoirs were the preferred types of water for skiing.

Those who would be willing to pay a fee or pay more for better private water skiing facilities in Kansas suggested the following facilities and services: equipment rental, more boat docks, more beaches and trees, open more lakes for skiing and more restrooms.

Respondents who had water skied in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews were asked what extent they thought they would increase water skiing in Kansas during the next 12 months if there were good facilities. Thirty-eight percent answered 50 to 100 percent more, thirty-seven percent said less than 50 percent more and twenty-five percent answered over 100 percent more. Those who had not gone water skiing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews were asked how often they thought they would go water skiing in the next 12 months if there were good facilities. Seventy-seven percent sa 6 to 12 times, and twenty-three percent said over 12 times.

Table 49

Extent respondents who had been water skiing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews would increase their water skiing in Kansas during the next 12 months if there were good facilities.

| Increase | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Less than 50 percent | 37% |
| 50 to 100 percent | 38% |
| Over 100 percent | 25% |

Table 50

Location where respondents would water ski in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Cedar Bluff Reservoir | 8 |
| Southwest Kansas | 3 |
| Dodge City | 3 |
| Ford County State Lake | 3 |
| Western Kansas | 2 |
| Ford County | 2 |
| Lake | 2 |
| Clark County | 2 |
| Clark County State Lake | 2 |

The following were listed once: all over state, private lakes, Wilson County, Kanopolis Reservoir, close to home.

Table 51

Facilities and services suggested by respondents who would be willing to pay a fee or pay more for better private water skiing facilities in Kansas.

| Suggestion | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Equipment rental | 3 |
| More boat docks | 2 |
| More beaches and trees | 2 |
| Open more lakes for skiing | 2 |
| More restrooms | 2 |

The following were listed once: areas roped off for fishing, more areas, larger water areas, shower facilities, dam on Arkansas River.

Table 52

Number of times respondents who had not been water skiing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews would go water skiing during the next 12 months if there were good facilities.

| Number of times | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| 6 to 12 times | 77% |
| Over 12 times | 23% |

Table 53

Type of water preferred by respondents who would go skiing in Kansas more often if there were good facilities.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Lake | 49% |
| Reservoir | 37% |
| All types | 8% |
| Lake and reservoir | 6% |

## Camping

Cedar Bluff Reservoir, Clark County State Lake, private land, Ford County State Lake and Kanopolis Reservoir were the most popular camping locations used by respondents on their most recent camping trip in Kansas.

The facilities used most often were: restrooms, picnic tables, water supply, and cooking facilities. Tents, tent trailers, cabin and trailers, pickups, and campers were the types of equipment used most often.

Improvements suggested most often were: more and better restroom facilities, showers, more shade, better water supply and cleaner campgrounds. Respondents do most of their camping in July, followed by June and August.

Table 54

Questions asked of respondents who had been camping in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Question | Average or Percentage of Total Replies | |
|---|---|---|
| Type of area where you camped? | Government | 86% |
| | Private | 14% |
| Did you purchase a park permit? | Yes | 49% |
| If yes, was it a state permit? | Yes | 73% |
| Did you pay a fee to camp in a private area? | Yes | 12% |
| Do you prefer camping in groups or by yourself? | Groups | 56% |
| How many camping trips have you taken in Kansas during the last 12 months? | Average | 6.6 |
| Have you made camping trips outside Kansas during the last 12 months? | Yes | 42% |
| If yes, how many? | Average | 2.6 |

Table 55

Camping equipment respondents used the last time they went camping in Kansas.

| Equipment | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Tent | 32% |
| Tent trailer | 19% |
| Cabin and trailer | 18% |
| Pickup | 14% |
| Camper | 14% |
| Bus or car | 3% |

Table 56

Type of water near where the respondents last went camping during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Lake or pond | 52% |
| Reservoir | 43% |
| Stream | 4% |
| Sand Pit | 1% |

Table 57

Description of camping facilities and services used by respondents the last time they went camping in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Description | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Excellent | 6% |
| Good | 45% |
| Fair | 37% |
| Poor | 12% |

Table 58

Facilities used by respondents the last time they went camping in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Facilities | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Restrooms | 33% |
| Picnic tables | 25% |
| Water supply | 19% |
| Cooking | 11% |
| Shower | 8% |
| Electricity | 4% |

Table 59

Improvements for camping suggested by respondents who had been camping in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Improvement | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Better restroom facilities | 8 |
| More restrooms | 7 |
| More shade | 5 |
| Showers | 4 |
| Better water supply | 3 |
| Cleaner campgrounds | 3 |

The following were listed once: firewood, better roads, friendlier park and game wardens, more tables, more parking area, leave undeveloped, water system, more cooking facilities.

Table 60

Location where respondents last went camping in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Cedar Bluff Reservoir | 27 |
| Clark County State Lake | 15 |
| Private land | 5 |
| Ford County State Lake | 4 |
| Kanopolis Reservoir | 2 |
| Wilson Reservoir | 2 |
| Arkansas River | 2 |

The following were listed once: Pomona Reservoir, Meade, Scott County State Lake and Park, Beaumont, Garden City, Webster Reservoir, Pottawatomie County State Lake No. 1, Toronto Reservoir, Cheyenne Bottoms, Hodgeman County State Lake.

Table 61

Month in which respondents did most of their camping in Kansas.

| Month | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| May | 5% |
| June | 22% |
| July | 44% |
| August | 22% |
| September | 5% |
| October | 2% |

## Future Participation in Camping

Most respondents who would do more camping in Kansas if there were good facilities indicated they would prefer government areas to private areas. More respondents would rather camp near a lake or pond than a reservoir or stream.

Those who had camped in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviewing were asked how much they would increase their camping in Kansas if there were good facilities. Forty-one percent indicated they would go camping 50 to 100 percent more during the next 12 months, fifty percent would go camping less than 50 percent more, and nine percent would go camping over 100 percent more.

Respondents who had not camped in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviewing were asked how often they would go camping in Kansas if there were good facilities. Sixty-five percent indicated they would go camping 6 to 12 times during the next 12 months, twenty percent would go once more, and fifteen percent would go over 12 times.

Too far away, lack of facilities, not enough time, and not enough places were the answers given most often to the question, "Why haven't you done more camping in Kansas?"

Sixty-six percent of those responding would be willing to pay a fee or pay more for better private camping facilities in Kansas. They suggested the following facilities be added: clean restrooms, shade, better campsites, and more facilities in restricted areas.

Table 62

Location where respondents would go camping in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Cedar Bluff Reservoir | 8 |
| Ford County State Lake | 6 |
| Clark County State Lake | 6 |
| Western Kansas | 6 |
| Lakes and reservoirs | 5 |
| Anywhere | 4 |
| Southwest Kansas | 3 |
| Dodge City | 3 |
| State parks | 2 |
| Chikaskia River | 2 |
| Close to home | 2 |

The following were listed once: Kirwin Reservoir, Tuttle Creek Reservoir, where facilities are available, central Kansas, Meade, 50 mile radius, Ellis County, Kanopolis Reservoir, federal camp areas, Arkansas River, state lake, Scott County.

Table 63

Extent respondents who had been camping in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews would increase their camping in Kansas during the next 12 months if there were good facilities.

| Increase | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Less than 50 percent | 50% |
| 50 to 100 percent | 41% |
| Over 100 percent | 9% |

Table 64

Number of times respondents who had not been camping in Kansas during the last 12 months prior to the interviews would go camping during the next 12 months if there were good facilities.

| Number of times | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Once | 20% |
| 6 to 12 times | 65% |
| Over 12 times | 15% |

Table 65

Reasons why respondents hadn't done more camping in Kansas.

| Reason | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Too far away | 10 |
| Not enough time | 8 |
| Lack of facilities | 8 |
| Bad facilities | 4 |
| Not enough places | 2 |

The following were listed once: poor fishing, not allowed, want to ski also, new residents.

Table 66

Type of equipment preferred by respondents who would do more camping in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Equipment | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Tent | 37% |
| Tent trailer | 18% |
| Trailer | 15% |
| Pickup | 11% |
| Station wagon tent | 7% |
| Tent trailer and pickup | 6% |
| Pickup camper | 3% |
| Trailer house | 3% |

Table 67

Type of water preferred by respondents who would do more camping in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Lake or pond | 44% |
| Reservoir | 29% |
| Lake, pond or reservoir | 19% |
| Stream | 8% |

Table 68

Facilities preferred by respondents who would do more camping in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Facilities | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Restrooms | 23% |
| Water supply | 22% |
| Picnic table | 20% |
| Cooking | 15% |
| Showers | 8% |
| Electricity | 4% |
| Hot water | 4% |
| Sewage disposal | 3% |
| Dryer and washer | 1% |

Table 69

Type of area preferred by respondents who would do more camping in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Government | 71% |
| Private | 17% |
| Either | 10% |
| Both | 2% |

Table 70

Improvements suggested by respondents who would be willing to pay a fee or pay more for better private camping facilities in Kansas.

| Improvement | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Clean restrooms | 4 |
| Shade | 4 |
| More facilities in restricted areas | 2 |
| Better campsites | 2 |

The following were listed once: water and lighting facilities, keep areas clean, shower facilities, government owned and operated, gravel roads, showers, swimming area, more restrooms, close to skiing areas.

## Picnicking

Ford County State Lake, Wright Park, and Cedar Bluff Reservoir were the most popular picnicking areas used by respondents on their last picnic outing in Kansas. Other places frequently visited were Fort Dodge, Meade, and the Clark County State Lake.

The picnic facilities were described as good by 41 percent, excellent by 29 percent, fair by 20 percent and poor by 10 percent of the respondents. The improvements listed most frequently were additional restrooms, more tables and ovens, and cleaner restrooms.

Thirty-eight percent of the respondents did most of their picnicking in July.

Table 71

Questions asked of respondents who had been picnicking in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Question | Average or Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Did you purchase a park permit? | Yes . . . . 21% |
| If yes, was it a state permit? | Yes . . . . 81% |
| How many times did you go picnicking in Kansas during the last 12 months? | Average . . 5.3 |
| Have you gone picnicking outside of Kansas during the last 12 months? | Yes . . . . 37% |
| If yes, how many times? | Average . . 3.3 |

Table 72

Location where respondents had picnicked in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Wright Park | 17 |
| Cedar Bluff Reservoir | 16 |
| Ford County State Lake | 15 |
| Meade | 6 |
| Fort Dodge | 5 |
| Clark County State Lake | 5 |
| Clark County | 3 |
| Kirwin Reservoir | 3 |
| City park | 3 |

The following were listed once: roadside park, Farlington Lake, Beech Lake, Arkansas River, Wyandotte County Lake, Woodson County State Lake, Larned Park, Riverview Camp, Cimarron Crossing Park, private farm, Dighton.

Table 73

Facilities the respondents used the last time they went picnicking in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Facilities | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Picnic table | 27% |
| Picnic table and cooking facilities | 21% |
| Picnic table, cooking facilities, and water supply | 11% |
| Restrooms | 10% |
| Cooking facilities | 1% |
| Picnic table, water supply, and restrooms | 1% |
| Other | 29% |

Table 74

Month in which respondents did most of their picnicking in Kansas.

| Month | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| April | 3% |
| May | 5% |
| June | 19% |
| July | 38% |
| August | 26% |
| September | 9% |

Table 75

Type of water near where the respondents last picnicked during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Lake or pond | 66% |
| Stream | 27% |
| Reservoir | 7% |

Table 76

Description of picnic facilities used by respondents the last time they went picnicking in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Description | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Excellent | 29% |
| Good | 41% |
| Fair | 20% |
| Poor | 10% |

Table 77

Improvements for picnicking suggested by respondents who had been picnicking in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Improvement | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| More tables and ovens | 5 |
| Cleaner restrooms | 5 |
| Additional restrooms | 4 |
| More shade | 3 |
| Drinking water | 3 |
| General cleanup | 3 |
| More shelter houses | 3 |
| More cooking facilities | 2 |
| Larger areas | 2 |

The following were listed once: wind shelter, someone to clean area, better roads, more development of primitive and rustic surroundings, and running water.

## Future Participation in Picnicking

Respondents who indicated they would do more picnicking in Kansas if there were good facilities were asked where they thought they would picnic. The most frequently listed places were: Ford County State Lake, Western Kansas, lakes and reservoirs, Ford County and Southwest Kansas. Forty-one percent of the respondents preferred lakes or ponds, seventeen percent reservoirs, fifteen percent lakes, ponds and reservoirs, and fifteen percent streams, lakes, and ponds. Respondents would want picnic tables, water, and restrooms. In response to the question "Why haven't you done more picnicking in Kansas?", the answers given most frequently were: not enough time, too far away, and lack of facilities.

Those who had picnicked in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews were asked how much more picnicking they would do if there were good facilities. Forty-seven percent answered 50 to 100 percent more, forty-five percent indicated less than 50 percent more, and eight percent answered over 100 percent more. Those who had not picnicked in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews were asked how often they would go picnicking if there were good facilities. Fifty percent would go once, twenty-five percent 6 to 12 times, and twenty-five percent over 12 times.

Those who indicated they were interested in doing more picnicking and fishing were asked how much they would be willing to pay to use an attractive private lake within easy driving distance of their home that had good clean picnic facilities and good fishing. Twenty-six percent would pay $1 per day per family, twenty-two percent would pay $3, twenty percent $2, and thirteen percent would not pay to use this type of lake. Forty-three percent would be willing to pay $10 per family per season, twenty-one percent would not pay, fourteen percent would be willing to pay $40, and fourteen percent would pay $20.

Those who indicated they were interested in a combination of fishing and picnicking were asked how far they would drive to use an attractive private lake that had good clean picnic facilities and good fishing. Forty-four percent indicated they would drive 50 miles, forty-two percent would drive 25 miles and twelve percent would drive 100 miles to use these facilities.

Those who indicated they would be willing to pay a fee for better picnic facilities at a private place in Kansas suggested that the following facilities be added: more facilities, picnic tables, and shade trees.

The respondents who had indicated they were interested in picnicking were asked if they were interested in a combination of fishing and picnicking. Sixty-seven percent answered in the affirmative.

Table 78

Location where respondents would picnic in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Ford County State Lake | 10 |
| Western Kansas | 7 |
| Lakes and reservoirs | 6 |
| Ford County | 5 |
| Southwest Kansas | 5 |
| Everywhere | 4 |
| Winfield | 3 |
| Clark County State Lake | 3 |
| Dodge City | 2 |
| Cedar Bluff Reservoir | 2 |
| Private areas | 2 |
| Locally | 2 |
| Clark County | 2 |

The following were listed once: at improved sites, Hutchinson, state and federal lakes, twenty-five mile radius of home, state parks, Meade County State Lake, central Kansas.

Table 79

Extent respondents who had been picnicking in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews would increase their picnicking in Kansas during the next 12 months if there were good facilities.

| Increase | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Less than 50 percent | 45% |
| 50 to 100 percent | 47% |
| Over 100 percent | 8% |

Table 80

Reasons why respondents hadn't done more picnicking in Kansas.

| Reason | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Not enough time | 16 |
| Too far away | 8 |
| Lack of facilities | 6 |
| Can't ski at most campsites | 2 |
| No areas | 2 |

The following were listed once: bugs, more scenic areas, new resident, didn't know Pomona was so close, areas not desirable, lack of new areas, we picnic at home, no shade.

Table 81

Type of water preferred by respondents who would spend more time picnicking in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Lake or pond | 41% |
| Reservoir | 17% |
| Lake, pond and reservoir | 15% |
| Stream, lake and pond | 15% |
| Stream | 7% |
| Stream, lake and reservoir | 5% |

Table 82

Number of times respondents who had not been picnicking in Kansas in the 12 months prior to the interviews would go picnicking during the next 12 months if there were good facilities.

| Number of times | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Once | 50% |
| 6 to 12 times | 25% |
| Over 12 times | 25% |

Table 83

Amount respondents would pay to use an attractive private lake within easy driving distance of their home that had good clean picnic facilities and good fishing.

| Per Family Per Day | Percentage of Total Replies | Per Family Per Season | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|---|---|
| Would not pay | 13% | Would not pay | 21% |
| $ 1.00 | 26% | $ 10.00 | 43% |
| 2.00 | 20% | 20.00 | 14% |
| 3.00 | 22% | 40.00 | 14% |
| 4.00 | 7% | 100.00 | 8% |
| 5.00 | 12% | | |

Table 84

Facilities preferred by respondents who would spend more time picnicking in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Facilities | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Picnic table, water and restroom | 28% |
| Water and restrooms | 7% |
| Restrooms | 4% |
| Water supply | 2% |
| Picnic table | 1% |
| All of above and parking | 58% |

Table 85

Improvements suggested by respondents who indicated they would be willing to pay a fee or pay more for better facilities and services.

| Improvement | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| More facilities | 3 |
| Picnic tables | 3 |
| Shade trees | 2 |

The following were listed once: more ovens, more shade, playground equipment, cleaner facilities and recreation for children, fuel and restrooms, grills and more facilities in western Kansas.

Table 86

Distance respondents would drive to use an attractive private lake that had good clean picnic facilities and good fishing at a reasonable rate.

| Distance | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| 5 miles | 2% |
| 25 miles | 42% |
| 50 miles | 44% |
| 100 miles | 12% |

## Swimming

Cedar Bluff Reservoir was the most popular place used by respondents the last time they went swimming in Kansas. Other locations listed most frequently were: motels, swimming pools, Dodge City, Pittsburg, and the Legion Pool. Sixty-five percent of the respondents said they used a swimming pool and thirty-two percent a natural body of water the last time they went swimming in the state.

Forty-three percent described the swimming facilities as good, twenty-six percent as fair, twenty-two percent as excellent and nine percent as poor. The improvements suggested most often were: larger pools, cleaner water, more sand on the beach, trash out of water, and cleaner areas.

July was the most popular month for swimming.

Table 87

Month in which respondents did most of their swimming in Kansas.

| Month | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| May | 2% |
| June | 4% |
| July | 63% |
| August | 31% |

Table 88

Questions asked of respondents who had been swimming in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Question | Average or Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Did you swim in a private or government area? | Government . . . 43% |
| How many members of your family were with you? | Average . . . 3.2 |
| Was it a supervised area? | Yes . . . . 53% |
| Were there shower facilities? | Yes . . . . 51% |
| Were there locker facilities? | Yes . . . . 26% |
| Was there a beach? | Yes . . . . 28% |
| How many times did you go swimming in Kansas during the last 12 months? | Average . . . 15 |
| Have you been swimming outside Kansas during the last 12 months? | Yes . . . . 40% |
| If yes, how many times? | Average . . . 4.9 |

Table 89

Description of swimming facilities used by respondents the last time they went swimming in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Description | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Excellent | 22% |
| Good | 43% |
| Fair | 26% |
| Poor | 9% |

Table 90

Location where respondents had last gone swimming in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Cedar Bluff Reservoir | 16 |
| Motel pool | 9 |
| Dodge City | 9 |
| Swimming pool | 8 |
| Legion pool | 5 |
| Pittsburg | 3 |
| Dodge City Country Club | 3 |
| Clark County State Lake | 3 |
| Pomona Reservoir | 2 |
| Ford County State Lake | 2 |

The following were listed once: Meade, Gray County, Norton Reservoir, Larned City Park, Kirwin Reservoir, Wilson Reservoir, Neodesha, Bucklin, Wright Park, Webster Reservoir, Chikaskia River, Kinsley.

Table 91

Improvements for swimming suggested by respondents who had been swimming in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Improvement | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Larger pools | 8 |
| Cleaner water | 3 |
| Better dressing rooms | 2 |
| More sand on the beach | 2 |
| Trash out of water | 2 |
| Cleaner areas | 2 |

The following were listed once: better supervision, larger beaches, more shade, lifeguard, another pool, less kids, keep boats farther away from swimmers, sandy beach, showers, more facilities, larger facilities, better roads.

Table 92

Type of water respondents used the last time they went swimming in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Pool | 65% |
| Natural body of water | 32% |
| Lake | 3% |

## Future Participation in Swimming

Respondents who indicated they would do more swimming in Kansas if there were good facilities were asked where they thought they would swim. Dodge City was the most popular answer, followed by Cedar Bluff Reservoir, city pools, southwest Kansas and Ford County. Respondents gave these reasons why they hadn't done more swimming in Kansas: too far away, poor facilities, too crowded, water too dirty, and not enough time. Those who said they would be willing to pay a fee or pay more for better or more swimming facilities in Kansas indicated they would like to have the following facilities: more swimming pools, showers and lockers, larger pools, sand beaches, cleaner water and better facilities.

Respondents were asked what type of water they would want if they did more swimming. Sixty-one percent answered pools, and twenty-nine percent natural bodies of water. Forty-seven percent preferred government areas and forty-five percent private areas.

Those who had gone swimming in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the survey were asked "What extent do you think you would increase your swimming the next 12 months if there were good facilities?" Fifty-eight percent of the respondents said less than 50 percent more, twenty-eight percent indicated 50 to 100 percent more and fourteen percent replied over 100 percent more.

Twenty-four percent of the respondents would be willing to pay a fee or pay more for better or more facilities in Kansas.

Table 93

Locations where respondents would swim in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Dodge City | 13 |
| Cedar Bluff Reservoir | 4 |
| City pools | 3 |
| Southwest Kansas | 2 |
| Ford County | 2 |

The following were listed once: all over state, western Kansas, Clark County State Lake, home, lakes and reservoirs, any safe area, clean and safe area, private pool, Pittsburg area, Meade, Chikaskia River.

Table 94

Reasons why respondents hadn't done more swimming in Kansas.

| Reason | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Too far away | 7 |
| Poor facilities | 5 |
| Too crowded | 4 |
| Water too dirty | 3 |
| Not enough time | 3 |

The following were listed once: lack of area, want to swim and ski both, unable to locate facilities, no available swimming pool, too windy.

Table 95

Type of water in which respondents would prefer to swim if there were good facilities.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Pool | 61% |
| Natural body of water | 29% |
| Both | 10% |

Table 96

Type of area respondents would want if there were good facilities.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Government | 47% |
| Private | 45% |
| Both | 8% |

Table 97

Extent respondents who had been swimming in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews would increase their swimming in Kansas during the next 12 months if there were good facilities.

| Increase | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Less than 50 percent | 58% |
| 50 to 100 percent | 28% |
| Over 100 percent | 14% |

Table 98

Facilities suggested by respondents who would be willing to pay a fee or pay more for better or more swimming facilities in Kansas.

| Facilities | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| More swimming pools | 6 |
| Showers and lockers | 4 |
| Better facilities | 2 |
| Larger pools | 2 |
| Sand beaches | 2 |
| Clean water | 2 |

The following were listed once: clean area, lake, YMCA.

## Hunting

Ford, Edwards, and Clark counties were listed most often as locations where respondents had gone hunting most recently in Kansas. Thirty-nine percent of the respondents said they were hunting pheasant, nineteen percent quail, seventeen percent duck and thirteen percent rabbit.

Respondents made these suggestions for improving hunting conditions: less cover, fence rivers, more game, less private land and better enforcement of game laws.

Most of the hunters described the hunting facilities as good or fair.

Fifty-nine percent of the respondents used dogs, twenty-one percent used blinds and eighteen percent good cleaning and freezing equipment on their last hunting trip in Kansas.

More game, more hunting areas, improved cover, and small dams to give small bodies of water on river were listed most often as needed improvements in facilities and services.

Eighty-two percent did most of their hunting in November, seven percent in October, three percent in February and three percent in December.

Table 99

Type of game respondents hunted on their last outing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Pheasant | 39% |
| Quail | 19% |
| Duck | 17% |
| Rabbit | 13% |
| Varmint | 4% |
| Goose | 2% |
| Doves | 2% |

The following were listed once: deer, turkey, racoon, crow.

Table 100

Questions asked of respondents who had been hunting in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Question | | Average or Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|---|
| Did you hunt on a private fee shooting preserve? | Yes | 11% |
| Did you pay to hunt in a private area other than a pay shooting area? | Yes | 10% |
| What was the type of area? | Government | 7% |
| | Private | 93% |
| Was the game supply satisfactory? | Yes | 77% |
| Were the hunting conditions suitable (cover, condition of game, wildness of game, etc.)? | Yes | 92% |
| How many times did you go hunting in the last 12 months in Kansas? | Average | 5.8 |
| Have you made hunting trips outside Kansas in the last 12 months? | Yes | 20% |
| If yes, how many? | Average | 3.0 |

Table 101

Suggestions made by respondents for improving hunting conditions in Kansas.

| Suggestion | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Less cover | 2 |
| Fence rivers | 1 |
| More game | 1 |
| Better enforcement of game laws | 1 |
| Less private land | 1 |

Table 102

Locations where respondents had most recently gone hunting in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Ford County | 25 |
| Clark County | 3 |
| Edwards County | 3 |
| Kiowa County | 3 |
| Gray County | 3 |
| Junction City | 2 |
| Cheyenne Bottoms | 2 |
| Cobb's Game Reserve | 2 |

The following were listed once: Pittsburg, Arkansas River, Mullinville, Wildhorse Lake, Barton County, Johnson County, Stafford County, Garfield, Sedan, Winfield, Reno County, Stevens County, Lewis, Deerfield, Lyon County, Hiawatha, Coldwater, Copeland, Saline County, Hodgeman County, and Montgomery County.

Table 103

Improvements for hunting facilities and services suggested by respondents who had been hunting in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Improvement | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| More game | 6 |
| More hunting areas | 2 |
| Improved cover | 2 |
| Small dams to give small body of water on river | 2 |

The following were listed once: stocking of birds, increase water acreage, more drinking water facilities, restriction on hunters from large cities, higher out-of-state license fees, hunters more careful, better laws to prevent trespassing on private property, shorter pheasant and quail seasons, more feed plots, more stocking of all game, duck blinds.

Table 104

Facilities or services respondents used on their last hunting trip in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Facility or Service | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Dog | 59% |
| Blinds | 21% |
| Game cleaning and freezing equipment | 18% |
| Guide | 2% |

Table 105

Description of hunting facilities and services used by respondents the last time they went hunting in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Description | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Excellent | 20% |
| Good | 44% |
| Fair | 33% |
| Poor | 3% |

Table 106

Month in which respondents did most of their hunting in Kansas.

| Month | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| February | 3% |
| May | 1% |
| August | 2% |
| September | 2% |
| October | 7% |
| November | 82% |
| December | 3% |

## Future Participation in Hunting

Respondents who indicated they would spend more time hunting in Kansas if there were good facilities were asked where they thought they would hunt. The places listed most frequently were Ford County, western Kansas, southwest Kansas, any place there is good game, southeast Kansas, and Dodge City.

Twenty-one percent said they would prefer to hunt duck, twenty-one percent pheasant, nineteen percent quail, eleven percent goose, eight percent rabbit, seven percent turkey and six percent deer.

Asked why they hadn't done more hunting in Kansas, seven answered not enough time, six said not enough game, three said it was too far away, two said they prefer to hunt out of the state, and two answered a lack of public areas.

Stock more game and charge a fee, better cover, and better government sponsored areas were the improvements suggested by respondents who would be willing to pay a fee for more facilities and services.

Respondents who indicated they would spend more time hunting ducks if there were good facilities were asked how far they would be willing to drive to use a private area with good duck hunting, adequate blinds at reasonable rates. Thirty-two percent answered 50 miles, twenty-six percent 30 miles, twenty-one percent 70 miles, and fourteen percent 20 miles. These respondents were asked how much they would be willing to pay per person per day to use a private area with good duck hunting, adequate blinds, and facilities within easy driving distance of their homes. Twenty-two percent would not pay to use such an area, twenty-two percent answered $1, twenty percent $2, and twenty percent $3.

Respondents who indicated they would spend more time hunting geese if there were good facilities were asked how far they would be willing to drive to hunt in a private area with good goose hunting, adequate blinds and facilities and reasonable rates. Thirty-seven percent indicated 40 miles, thirty percent 100 miles and nineteen percent 60 miles. These respondents were asked how much they would pay per person per day to use a private area with good goose hunting and adequate blinds and facilities within easy driving distance of their home. Forty-three percent answered $2, fifteen percent $4, fifteen percent $6 and nineteen percent wouldn't pay to use this area.

Those who had hunted in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews were asked how much more often they would hunt in the next 12 months if good facilities were available. Forty-four percent indicated they would hunt less than 50 percent more, forty-two percent would hunt 50 to 100 percent more and fourteen percent replied it would be over 100 percent more. Those who had not hunted in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interview were asked how often they thought they would go hunting in the next 12 months if there were good facilities. Fifty-three percent would go hunting over 12 times, forty percent once, and seven percent 6 to 12 times.

Fifty-four percent of the respondents would be willing to pay a fee or pay more for a more adequate game supply. Forty-six percent indicated they would be willing to pay a fee for better or more facilities for hunting. Forty-two percent would be interested in hunting in a private fee shooting preserve.

Table 107

Reasons why respondents hadn't done more hunting in Kansas.

| Reason | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Not enough time | 7 |
| Not enough game | 6 |
| Too far away | 3 |
| Hunt out of state | 2 |
| Lack of public areas | 2 |

The following were listed once: too much posted land, can't afford it, don't like guns, too many hunters in an area, poor health, seasons too short.

Table 108

Distance respondents would be willing to drive to use a private area with good duck hunting, adequate blinds and facilities and reasonable rates.

| Distance | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Would not drive | 7% |
| 20 miles | 14% |
| 30 miles | 26% |
| 50 miles | 32% |
| 70 miles | 21% |

Table 109

Amount respondents would be willing to pay per person per day to use a private area with good duck hunting and adequate blinds and facilities within easy driving distance of their home.

| Per Person Per Day | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Would not pay | 22% |
| $ 1.00 | 22% |
| 2.00 | 20% |
| 3.00 | 20% |
| 4.00 | 6% |
| 5.00 | 10% |

Table 110

Number of times respondents who had not hunted in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews would hunt in the next 12 months if there were good facilities.

| Number of times | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Once | 40% |
| 6 to 12 times | 7% |
| Over 12 times | 53% |

Table 111

Distance respondents would be willing to drive to use a private area with good goose hunting, adequate blinds and facilities and reasonable rates.

| Distance | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Would not drive | 7% |
| 40 miles | 37% |
| 60 miles | 19% |
| 80 miles | 7% |
| 100 miles | 30% |

Table 112

Amount respondents would be willing to pay per person per day to use a private area with good goose hunting and adequate blinds and facilities within easy driving distance of their home.

| Per Person Per Day | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Would not pay | 19% |
| $ 2.00 | 43% |
| 4.00 | 15% |
| 6.00 | 15% |
| 8.00 | 4% |
| 10.00 | [illegible]% |

Table 113

Extent respondents who had hunted in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews would increase their hunting in Kansas during the next 12 months if there were good facilities.

| Increase | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Less than 50 percent | 44% |
| 50 to 100 percent | 42% |
| Over 100 percent | 14% |

Table 114

Locations where hunters would want to hunt in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Ford County | 9 |
| Western Kansas | 8 |
| Southwest Kansas | 5 |
| Any place there is good game | 4 |
| Southeast Kansas | 3 |
| Dodge City | 3 |
| Cheyenne Bottoms | 2 |
| Locally | 2 |
| Central Kansas | 2 |

The following were listed once: eastern Kansas, heavily wooded area, Comanche County.

Table 115

Type of hunting respondents would do if there were good facilities.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Duck | 21% |
| Pheasant | 21% |
| Quail | 19% |
| Goose | 11% |
| Rabbit | 8% |
| Turkey | 7% |
| Deer | 6% |
| Varmint | 3% |
| Squirrel | 3% |
| Dove | 1% |

Table 116

Improvements suggested by respondents who indicated they would be willing to pay a fee or pay more for better facilities and services.

| Improvement | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Stock more game and charge fee | 2 |
| Better cover | 2 |
| More government sponsored areas | 2 |

The following were listed once: managed hunting areas, more preserves, more public hunting areas, revise game laws, more facilities.

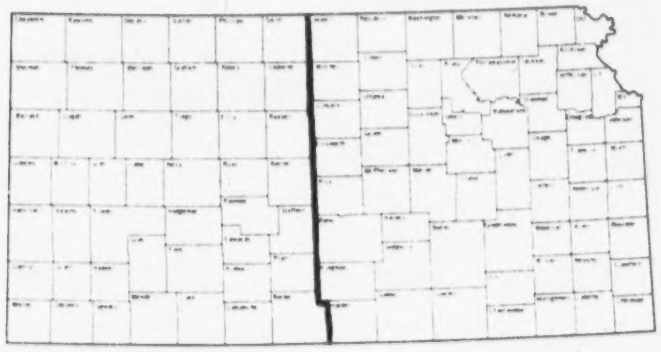
Table 117

Type of area respondents would want to use for hunting if there were good facilities.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Government | 49% |
| Private | 44% |
| Both | 7% |

## Out-of-State Information

This section of the publication contains information taken from interviews with respondents from out-of-state who were traveling in the western half of Kansas as shown in the following map.



## Out of State--General Information

Forty percent of the respondents were in professional or managerial occupations, twenty-three percent were skilled craftsmen, ten percent in clerical or sales, and seven percent in agriculture.

In response to the question "How many years of formal education do you have?" thirty-three percent answered 8 to 12 years, nineteen percent were college graduates, seventeen percent said some college, and fifteen percent indicated advanced education.

Respondents who indicated they have one child at home were asked the age of the child. Fifty-five percent answered 16 to 20 years, twenty-seven percent 5 years or younger, and eighteen percent answered 11 to 15 years.

Respondents who had more than one child at home were asked the ages of their children. Thirty-eight percent answered 5 years or younger, twenty-one percent 11 to 15 years and twenty percent 16 to 20 years. Forty-four percent of the respondents said they selected the facilities or sites they visited by road signs, twenty-seven percent by personal recommendation, thirteen percent by advertisement, five percent convenience and five percent camp guides.

Twenty-three percent of the interviews were taken at a roadside park, sixteen percent at a restaurant, fourteen percent at a motel and thirty-three percent at other places.

Interviewers were asked to suggest interesting places or historical sites in their communities which they felt had tourist potential. Bavarian Haus Restaurant, Boot Hill and buffalo herd at Tribune were listed most often.

Table 1

Occupations listed by respondents.

| Occupation | Percentage of All Occupations |
|---|---|
| Professional or managerial | 40% |
| Skilled craftsman | 23% |
| Clerical or sales | 10% |
| Agriculture | 7% |
| Unskilled | 6% |
| Retired | 5% |
| Semi-skilled | 5% |
| College student | 3% |
| Housewife | 1% |

Table 2

Years of formal education listed by respondents.

| Education | Percentage in This Category |
|---|---|
| 1 to 8 years | 6% |
| 8 to 12 years | 33% |
| Some college | 17% |
| College graduate | 19% |
| Advanced education | 15% |
| Trade school | 10% |

Table 3

Age of child where there was one child at home.

| Age | Percentage in This Age Group |
|---|---|
| 5 years or younger | 27% |
| 11 to 15 years | 18% |
| 16 to 20 years | 55% |

Table 4

Age of children where there was more than one child at home.

| Age | Percentage in This Age Group |
|---|---|
| 5 years or younger | 38% |
| 6 to 10 years | 21% |
| 11 to 15 years | 21% |
| 16 to 20 years | 20% |

Table 5

Methods the respondents used to select the sites or facilities they visited in Kansas.

| Method | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Road sign | 44% |
| Personal recommendation | 27% |
| Advertisement | 13% |
| Convenience | 5% |
| Camp guide | 5% |
| Maps | 4% |
| Personal knowledge | 1% |
| Other | 1% |

Table 6

Location where respondents were interviewed.

| Location | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Roadside park | 23% |
| Restaurant | 16% |
| Motel | 14% |
| State lake | 6% |
| State park | 6% |
| Residence | 2% |
| Other | 33% |

Table 7

Interesting places or historical sites in the community that interviewers thought had tourist potential.

| Place or Site | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Bavarian Haus Restaurant | 3 |
| Boot Hill | 3 |
| Buffalo herd at Tribune | 3 |
| Coronado Museum | 2 |
| Home of Buffalo Jones | 2 |
| Fort Larned | 2 |
| Fort Hays Museum | 2 |

The following were listed once: helium plant, Beaver Creek, Santa Fe Trail, Wagon Bed Springs, Lone Tree location, Pawnee Rock, Garfield Memorial, Dodge City, Wilson County State Lake, Garden of Eden in Lucas, Cedar Bluff Reservoir, Elgin Hotel-Marion.

The highways traveled by the greatest number of non-residents were I-70, U.S. 54, U.S. 50, the Kansas Turnpike, U.S. 40, U.S. 24, U.S. 56, and I-35.

The travel and tourist facilities in Kansas were rated good by forty-eight percent, excellent by forty-two percent, fair by eight percent and poor by two percent of the non-residents. Improvements in facilities suggested most frequently were: wider roads, more roadside parks and more camping areas. Better marking for tourist attractions was the improvement in tourist activities suggested most frequently.

More of the respondents lived in Missouri (42) than any other state. Other states listed most frequently were: Illinois (24), California (18), Idaho (14), Iowa (11), Georgia (10), Colorado (9), Michigan (9), Ohio (8), New York (8).

Thirty-two respondents said their destination was Colorado, twenty-three California, nineteen Kansas, eleven Missouri, nine Oklahoma and seven Wyoming.

Of those respondents who said they planned to spend the night in Kansas, fifty-nine percent said they would stay in a motel, twenty-eight percent at a roadside park, six percent with relatives, four percent with friends, two percent at a hotel, and one percent at a reservoir area.

Respondents' impressions of Kansas and Kansans were generally favorable.

Table 8

Place where non-residents planned to stay overnight.

| Place | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Motel | 59% |
| Roadside park | 28% |
| With relatives | 6% |
| With friends | 4% |
| Hotel | 2% |
| Reservoir area | 1% |

Table 9

Kansas highways non-residents had traveled on the trip during which they were interviewed.

| Highway | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| I-70 | 76 |
| U.S. 54 | 22 |
| U.S. 50 | 21 |
| Turnpike | 15 |
| U.S. 40 | 15 |
| U.S. 24 | 12 |
| U.S. 56 | 11 |
| I-35 | 7 |
| U.S. 36 | 5 |
| U.S. 281 | 5 |
| U.S. 160 | 4 |
| U.S. 183 | 4 |
| U.S. 83 | 3 |
| U.S. 156 | 3 |
| U.S. 283 | 3 |
| K-96 | 3 |
| U.S. 81 | 3 |
| U.S. 166 | 2 |
| U.S. 77 | 2 |

The following were listed once: U.S. 154, K-19, U.S. 75, K-99.

Table 10

Description of travel and tourist facilitie and services on the route respondents traveled.

| Description | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Excellent | 42% |
| Good | 48% |
| Fair | 8% |
| Poor | 2% |

Table 11

Respondents' home states.

| State | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Missouri | 42 |
| Illinois | 24 |
| California | 18 |
| Idaho | 14 |
| Iowa | 11 |
| Georgia | 10 |
| Colorado | 9 |
| Michigan | 9 |
| New York | 8 |
| Ohio | 8 |
| Texas | 7 |
| New Mexico | 7 |
| Arizona | 6 |
| Indiana | 6 |
| Other Foreign | 5 |
| New Jersey | 4 |
| Wisconsin | 4 |
| Pennsylvania | 4 |
| Minnesota | 3 |
| Louisiana | 2 |
| Mississippi | 2 |
| Virginia | 2 |
| South Dakota | 2 |
| North Carolina | 2 |

The following were listed once: Florida, Connecticut, Utah, Vermont, Wyoming, Montana, Arkansas, Maryland.

Table 12

Destination of respondents.

| Destination | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Colorado | 32 |
| California | 23 |
| Kansas | 19 |
| Missouri | 11 |
| Oklahoma | 9 |
| Wyoming | 7 |
| Arizona | 6 |
| Iowa | 6 |
| Texas | 5 |
| Nebraska | 5 |
| New Mexico | 4 |
| Wisconsin | 4 |
| Illinois | 4 |
| Pennsylvania | 3 |
| Michigan | 3 |
| New York | 3 |
| Ohio | 3 |
| Florida | 2 |
| Utah | 2 |
| Louisiana | 2 |

The following were listed once: Idaho, Indiana, South Carolina, Mississippi, Canada, Oregon, Foreign Country.

Table 13

Suggestions for improving activities in which respondents participated in Kansas.

| Suggestion | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Better marked tourist attractions | 4 |

The following were listed once: better direction signs, more activities at Boot Hill, ski ramp, better marked beach and picnic areas, more sights to see, more water.

Table 14

Non-residents' general impressions of Kansas.

| Impression | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Nice | 37 |
| Good state | 32 |
| Like it | 17 |
| Flat | 12 |
| Hot | 8 |
| Good agricultural state | 6 |
| Clean | 5 |
| Beautiful | 4 |
| Green | 4 |
| Great | 3 |
| Flat and hot, not interesting | 3 |
| Flat and windy | 3 |
| Fair | 3 |
| Remote, barren | 3 |
| Not too much to see | 3 |
| Good roadside parks | 3 |
| Dry, need rain | 2 |
| Good highways | 2 |
| Good | 2 |
| Fine | 2 |
| Excellent | 2 |
| Interesting | 2 |

The following were listed once: good for traveling, better than heard about, no garden spots seen, improving, equal to surrounding states, monotonous, it is needed for wheat, a state you have to go through, I love it, miles and miles of nothing, windy and friendly, surprised, dry and windy, wonderful views, parts we like, better than Oklahoma, progressive, favorable.

Table 15

Suggestions for improving travel and tourist facilities and services.

| Suggestion | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Wider roads | 14 |
| More roadside parks | 10 |
| More camping areas | 5 |
| More information services | 3 |
| Better spacing of rest areas | 3 |
| Better roads | 3 |
| Drinking water and restrooms at rest areas and park | 2 |
| Cut weeds along highway | 2 |
| More camping facilities | 2 |

The following were listed once: better facilities at Sheridan, Motel Royal at Dodge City worst ever seen, higher speed limit, clean up highways, more restaurants, label highways so business districts may be found easier, cheaper prices, food in Colby, mailbox on highway.

Table 16

Non-residents' general impressions of Kansans.

| Impression | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Friendly and helpful | 114 |
| Good | 21 |
| Nice | 21 |
| OK | 4 |
| Same as others | 4 |
| Favorable | 3 |
| All right | 2 |
| Fine | 2 |
| Excellent | 2 |
| Unfriendly | 2 |

The following were listed once: very friendly, impressed, kind, hospitable, fair.

## Participation in Kansas Outdoor Recreation

Visiting historical sites and interesting places in Kansas was the most popular activity among the out-of state travelers in western Kansas. Fifty-three percent had participated in this activity during the 12 months prior to the interviews. Twenty-eight percent had gone picnicking, twenty-five percent camping and eleven percent swimming.

Dodge City and Fort Larned were the most popular individual sites respondents had visited during the period, followed by Pawnee Rock and State Monument, Eisenhower Museum, Boot Hill, the First Capital of Kansas at Fort Riley, Old Abilene, Greensburg Well and the Garden City Zoo and Museum.

Out-of-state travelers attended the following special events in Kansas: county fairs, pancake race, national baseball tournament, National Campers and Hikers Association meeting, America the Outdoor Theatre, family reunion and the Salina Annual Picnic.

Table 17

Historical sites or interesting places in Kansas non-residents traveling in the western half of the state had visited during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Places | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Dodge City | 28 |
| Fort Larned | 28 |
| Pawnee Rock and State Monument | 10 |
| Garden City Zoo and Museum | 8 |
| Eisenhower Museum | 7 |
| Boot Hill | 7 |
| First Capital of Kansas at Fort Riley | 6 |
| Greensburg Well | 6 |
| Old Abilene | 5 |
| Fort Hays | 4 |
| Hill City Oil Museum | 4 |
| State Capital | 4 |
| Council Grove | 3 |
| Fort Scott Museum | 3 |
| Cimmaron Crossing | 2 |
| Fort Bissell | 2 |
| Dalton Gang Hideout and Museum | 2 |

The following were listed once: St. Jacob's Well, Fort Dodge, Castle Rock, Geographical Center of USA-Lebanon, Geological Center-Greensburg, Sod House, Fort Riley Museum, Cathedral of the Plains, Dutch Mill in Smith Center, Scout Memorial, Kansas State University, Lindsborg Museum, Santa Fe Trail, Agricultural Hall of Fame, Oberlin Museum, Elwood Historical Site, Cheyenne Bottoms, John Brown Memorial, Post Rock Museum.

Table 18

Recreation activities in which respondents had participated during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Activity | Number of Persons Answering Question | Percentage of Those Answering Questions That Had Participated |
|---|---|---|
| Fishing | 15 | 8% |
| Boating or Canoeing | 5 | 3% |
| Water Skiing | 2 | 1% |
| Camping | 48 | 25% |
| Picnicking | 53 | 28% |
| Swimming | 20 | 11% |
| Hunting | 7 | 4% |
| Hiking | 6 | 3% |
| Golf | 10 | 6% |
| Visits to Historical Sites and Interesting Places in Kansas | 108 | 53% |
| Attending Special Events | 12 | 6% |
| Other Outdoor Recreation Activities in Kansas | 3 | 2% |

## Future Participation in Outdoor Recreation Activities

Out-of-state travelers who were visiting in western Kansas were asked if they would spend more time participating in outdoor activities in Kansas during the next 12 months if there were good facilities. Forty-three percent stated they would visit historical sites or interesting places, twenty-four percent said they would participate in camping, twenty-one percent swimming, twenty percent picnicking, fourtee percent fishing, and twelve percent hiking. The historical sites or interesting places most respondents would visit if there were good facilities were Eisenhower Museum, Dodge City and Boot Hill.

Table 19

Recreation activities respondents would spend more time participating in during the next 12 months if good facilities were available.

| Activity | Number of Persons Answering Question | Percent That Would Participate More |
|---|---|---|
| Fishing | 24 | 14% |
| Water Skiing | 10 | 6% |
| Boating or Canoeing | 18 | 11% |
| Camping | 41 | 24% |
| Picnicking | 32 | 20% |
| Swimming | 35 | 21% |
| Hunting | 16 | 10% |
| Horseback Riding (Rental) | 13 | 8% |
| Hiking | 20 | 12% |
| Visiting Historical Sites or Interesting Places in Kansas | 69 | 43% |
| Other Outdoor Recreation Activities in Kansas | 5 | 4% |

Table 20

Historical sites or interesting places in Kansas respondents would visit during the 12 months following the interviews if there were good facilities.

| Site | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Eisenhower Museum | 11 |
| Dodge City | 8 |
| Boot Hill | 6 |
| Museum | 2 |

The following were listed once: Pawnee Indian Village, Indian Burial Grounds, Fort Hays, Post Rock Museum, Fort Larned, Abilene, State Capital Fort Riley, Strip Pits, Dalton Gang Hideout and Museum, Rock City.

## Fishing

The places where the out-of-state travelers had fished during the 12 months prior to the interviews: Arkansas River, Cheyenne Bottoms, Greenwood County, Kirwin Reservoir, Ninnescah River, Woodbine, Wellington, Eastern Kansas, Brown County State Lake, Smoky River and Wichita. Forty-six percent had fished in a stream, twenty-seven percent a reservoir and twenty-seven percent a lake or pond.

Fifty-five percent of the respondents rated the fishing fair, twenty-seven percent poor and eighteen percent good. August was the most popular month for fishing, followed by July, June and April.

Table 21

Respondents' description of fishing in Kansas.

| Description | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Good | 18% |
| Fair | 55% |
| Poor | 27% |

Table 22

Month when respondents did most of their fishing in Kansas.

| Month | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| April | 11% |
| June | 11% |
| July | 11% |
| August | 67% |

Table 23

Type of water respondents used the last time they went fishing in Kansas during the last 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Stream | 46% |
| Lake or pond | 27% |
| Reservoir | 27% |

## Future Participation in Fishing

The respondents were asked why they hadn't gone fishing in Kansas more often. The reasons most frequently given were: not enough time, live out of state, too far away, not enough fishing areas, and good fishing in Missouri.

In response to the question, "What type of water would you want if you increased your fishing in Kansas?" Thirty-nine percent answered lake or pond, twenty-six percent stream, lake or pond, and eighteen percent reservoir. Bass, catfish and trout were the kind of fish the respondents would prefer to fish for.

Table 24

Reasons why respondents hadn't done more fishing in Kansas.

| Reason | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Not enough time | 7 |
| Non-resident | 5 |
| Too far away | 3 |
| Not enough fishing areas | 2 |
| Good fishing in Missouri | 2 |

The following were listed once: poor fishing, no one to fish with.

Table 25

Type of water preferred by respondents who would spend more time fishing in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Lake or pond | 39% |
| Stream, lake, pond | 26% |
| Reservoir | 18% |
| Lake, pond or reservoir | 9% |
| Stream | 4% |
| Stream and reservoir | 4% |

Table 26

Kind of fish preferred by respondents who would spend more time fishing in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Kind | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Bass | 23% |
| Catfish | 22% |
| Trout | 21% |
| Walleye | 18% |
| Crappie | 14% |
| Bluegill | 2% |

Table 27

Number of times respondents who had not been fishing in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews would go fishing in the state during the next 12 months if there were good facilities.

| Number of times | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Once | 50% |
| 6 to 12 times | 44% |
| Over 12 times | 6% |

## Camping

Picnic tables, restrooms and water supply were the facilities used by most respondents on their most recent camping trip in Kansas. Better restrooms, more camping areas and better water supply were the most frequent suggestions for improving the facilities.

Tents were the most popular camping equipment used by respondents, followed by tent trailer and pickup. Camping facilities and services were rated good by 50 percent, fair by 26 percent and excellent by 24 percent of the respondents.

Forty-seven percent of the respondents indicated they prefer to camp in groups rather than individually. Sixteen percent had paid a fee to camp in a private area. Twenty-four percent had purchased a park permit and sixty-nine percent had camped at a government area.

August was the month when most of the respondents did most of their camping in Kansas.

Table 28

Questions asked of respondents who had been camping in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Question | Average or Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Type of area where you camped? | Government . . . 69%<br>Private . . . 31% |
| Did you purchase a park permit? | Yes . . . . . 24% |
| If yes, was it a state permit? | Yes . . . . . 37% |
| Did you pay a fee to camp in a private area? | Yes . . . . . 16% |
| Do you prefer camping in groups or by yourself? | Groups . . . 47% |
| Have you made camping trips outside Kansas during the last 12 months? | Yes . . . . . 82% |

Table 29

Location where respondents last went camping in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Colby . . . . . | 4 |
| Decatur County State Lake . . . . . | 3 |
| Kearny County State Lake . . . . . | 2 |
| Kirwin Reservoir . . . . . | 2 |
| Ford County State Lake . . . . . | 2 |
| Dodge City . . . . . | 2 |
| Phillipsburg . . . . . | 2 |

The following were listed once: Vassar Park, Hill City, Norton Reservoir, Brown County State Lake, WaKeeney, Russell, Fort Zarrah Roadside Park, Topeka, Hays, St. Francis, Hamilton County State Lake, Kanopolis Reservoir, Goodland, Pomona, Meade.

Table 30

Type of water near where the respondents last went camping during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Lake or pond . . . . . | 57% |
| Reservoir . . . . . | 29% |
| Stream . . . . . | 9% |
| Sand pit . . . . . | 5% |

Table 31

Facilities the respondents used the last time they went camping in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Facilities | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Picnic tables . . . . . | 25% |
| Restrooms . . . . . | 22% |
| Water supply . . . . . | 21% |
| Cooking facilities . . . . . | 14% |
| Shower . . . . . | 5% |
| Hot water . . . . . | 5% |
| Electricity . . . . . | 3% |
| Sewage disposal . . . . . | 3% |
| Washer . . . . . | 1% |
| Dryer . . . . . | 1% |

Table 32

Month in which respondents did most of their camping in Kansas.

| Month | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| June . . . . . | 4% |
| July . . . . . | 4% |
| August . . . . . | 92% |

Table 33

Description of camping facilities and services used by respondents the last time they went camping in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Description | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Excellent | 24% |
| Good | 50% |
| Fair | 26% |

Table 34

Camping equipment respondents used the last time they went camping in Kansas.

| Equipment | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Tent | 52% |
| Tent trailer | 24% |
| Pickup | 18% |
| Cabin and trailer | 3% |
| Van | 3% |

Table 35

Improvements for camping suggested by respondents who had been camping in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Improvement | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Better restroom facilities | 4 |
| More area | 2 |
| Better water supply | 2 |
| More showers | 2 |

The following were listed once: local kids are a pest, more shade, more interesting spot.

## Future Participation in Camping

Respondents who said they would spend more time camping in Kansas if there were good facilities were asked where they thought they would camp. Lakes and reservoirs was the most frequent answer, followed by roadside parks, and Ford County State Lake. Not enough time and too far away were given most often as reasons why respondents hadn't done more camping in Kansas.

Shower facilities, water and lighting facilities and more restrooms were suggested most often as improvements for camping facilities in Kansas.

Most of the respondents who would do more camping in Kansas said they prefer government areas to private areas. Restrooms, water supply and picnic tables are the facilities most of the respondents would want. Tents and tent trailers are the camping equipment most would use.

Table 36

Location where respondents would go camping in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Lakes and reservoirs | 5 |
| Roadside park | 4 |
| Ford County State Lake | 2 |
| Where facilities are available | 2 |
| State parks | 2 |
| Western Kansas | 2 |

The following were listed once: Wilson Reservoir, southern Kansas, Brown County, Hamilton County State Lake, eastern Kansas, Decatur County State Lake.

Table 37

Improvements suggested by respondents who would be willing to pay a fee or pay more for better private camping facilities in Kansas.

| Improvement | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Shower facilities | 3 |
| Water and lighting facilities | 3 |
| More restrooms | 2 |

The following were listed once: more camping areas, spray parks to get rid of insects, rental cabins, keep areas clean, good lake, better campsite, free showers, more roadside parks.

Table 38

Type of area preferred by respondents who would do more camping in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Government | 75% |
| Private | 19% |
| Either | 6% |

Table 39

Type of equipment preferred by respondents who would do more camping in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Equipment | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Tent | 41% |
| Tent trailer | 25% |
| Trailer | 13% |
| Pickup | 9% |
| Station wagon tent | 3% |
| Tent trailer and pickup | 3% |
| Pickup camper | 3% |
| Trailer house | 3% |

Table 40

Reasons why respondents hadn't done more camping in Kansas.

| Reason | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Not enough time | 6 |
| Too far away | 6 |
| Non-resident | 3 |
| Bad facilities | 2 |

The following were listed once: lack of equipment, Missouri has better facilities

Table 41

Type of water preferred by respondents who would do more camping in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Lake or pond | 57% |
| Stream | 14% |
| Lake, pond and reservoir | 11% |
| Reservoir | 7% |
| Stream, lake or pond | 7% |
| Stream and reservoir | 4% |

Table 42

Facilities preferred by respondents who would do more camping in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Facilities | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Restrooms | 27% |
| Water supply | 27% |
| Picnic table | 26% |
| Cooking facilities | 13% |
| Showers | 7% |

## Picnicking

Roadside parks were the most popular picnicking sites listed by non-residents, followed by Russell City Park, Ford County State Lake, Meade, Dodge City, Tuttle Creek Reservoir and Norton Reservoir.

Picnic tables, water supply and restrooms were the facilities used by the greatest number of respondents. Picnicking facilities were rated excellent by fifty percent, good by twenty-six percent, fair by twenty-two percent and poor by two percent of the respondents.

August was the most popular month for picnicking, followed by July, September and October.

Table 43

Location where respondents had last picnicked in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Roadside parks | 11 |
| Russell city park | 3 |
| Ford County State Lake | 2 |
| Meade | 2 |
| Dodge City | 2 |
| Tuttle Creek Reservoir | 2 |
| Norton Reservoir | 2 |

The following were listed once: Hill City, Cedar Bluff Reservoir, Salina Park, city park, Arkansas River, Barton County, Butler County, Sedgwick County, Lake McKinney, Wyandotte County Lake, Pratt County, Hamilton County State Lake, Washington, Luray, Jackson County, Coffey County, Russell County, Sheridan County, Colby, Webster Reservoir, Concordia.

Table 44

Type of water near where the respondents picnicked during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Lake or pond | 31% |
| Well | 24% |
| Reservoir | 17% |
| Stream | 14% |
| None | 10% |
| Stream, lake, pond | 4% |

Table 45

Facilities the respondents used the last time they went picnicking in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Facility | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Picnic table, water supply, and restrooms | 36% |
| Other | 25% |
| All | 25% |
| Picnic table | 4% |
| Picnic table and cooking facilities | 4% |
| Restrooms | 4% |
| Water supply | 2% |

Table 46

Month in which respondents did most of their picnicking in Kansas.

| Month | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| July | 12% |
| August | 76% |
| September | 9% |
| October | 3% |

Table 47

Description of picnic facilities used by respondents the last time they went picnicking in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Description | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Excellent | 50% |
| Good | 26% |
| Fair | 22% |
| Poor | 2% |

Table 48

Improvements for picnicking suggested by respondents who had been camping in Kansas during the 12 months prior to the interviews.

| Improvement | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| More restrooms | 5 |
| Drinking water | 3 |
| Clean restrooms | 2 |
| More shade | 2 |

The following were listed once: more tables and ovens, identify trees, grass, flowers in parks, places to sit, more facilities, showers, someone to clean area.

## Future Participation in Picnicking

Too far away and not enough time were given most frequently as reasons respondents hadn't done more picnicking in Kansas.

Roadside parks, and lakes and reservoirs were locations where most respondents thought they would go if they did more picnicking in Kansas.

Lakes, ponds and reservoirs are the types of water most respondents would prefer to picnic near. Picnic tables, cooking facilities, water supply and restrooms are the facilities most respondents would want to use.

Table 49

Reasons why respondents hadn't done more picnicking in Kansas.

| Reason | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Too far away | 8 |
| Not enough time | 5 |
| Non-resident | 3 |
| Lack of facilities | 2 |
| Have not traveled in Kansas lately | 1 |

Table 50

Location where respondents would picnic in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Location | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Roadside parks | 7 |
| Lakes and reservoirs | 4 |
| At improved sites | 2 |
| Southwest Kansas | 2 |
| Kanopolis Reservoir | 2 |

The following were listed once: western Kansas, Saline County, eastern Kansas, everywhere, Ford County State Lake, close to main highways, Sedgwick County.

Table 51

Type of water preferred by respondents who would spend more time picnicking in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Type | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Lake or pond | 36% |
| Reservoir | 29% |
| Stream, lake and pond | 14% |
| Stream | 14% |
| Lake, pond and reservoir | 7% |

Table 52

Facilities preferred by respondents who would spend more time picnicking in Kansas if there were good facilities.

| Facilities | Percentage of Total Replies |
|---|---|
| Picnic table, cooking facilities, water supply, restrooms | 69% |
| Picnic tables, water, restroom and electricity | 15% |
| Water and restrooms | 8% |
| Picnic table | 4% |
| Picnic table, cooking facilities, water supply | 4% |

Table 53

Improvements suggested for picnicking facilities in Kansas.

| Improvement | Number of Times Listed |
|---|---|
| Showers and lockers | 2 |
| More facilities | 2 |

The following were listed once: more swimming pools, better facilities, sand beaches, more swimming areas, showers, rest areas, facilities for "public", more ovens and shade.

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